Unemployed Engineers

2764. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI BRINDS KARAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 3 lakh engineering degree/diploma holders did not get employment by the end of 2004;

(b) if not, the exact figures thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that nearly 5 lakh students are expected to get engineering degree/diploma in the next 10 years; and

(d) if so, the action plan of AICTE or Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (b) There is no centralized data maintained in this regard.

(c) and (d) According to AICTE, the sanctioned intake for the year 2005-06 in the engineering degree programmes approved by them is about 5 lakhs and for diploma courses 2.5 lakhs. This intake is likely to grow in the coming years. Further, the demand for good engineers is encouraging within the country, particularly, in Information Technology and Manufacturing sectors. The demand for good Indian engineers abroad is also increasing as multinational companies are looking for engineers from India. Similarly, Indian multinationals are looking for engineers for their overseas operation. To enhance the quality of engineers that India produces, Universities/Colleges are giving increasing emphasis on wholesome education and on soft skills.

Basic Education

t2765. PROF ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people are not getting basic education even after fifty years of independence;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Government's reaction thereto and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to provide basic education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Provision of free and compulsory education to children of 6-14 years is a Constitutional mandate. Government of India provides basic education through a number of programmes, including Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a programme for universalizing elementary education. This is supported by the Mid Day Meal Scheme, which aims to improve enrolment and retention in primary schools, while improving the nutritional status of primary schools children. There are other programmes such as Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalya which have a special focus on the girl child.

Shortage of Staff in Engineering Colleges

2766. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing huge shortage of qualified teaching staff in the existing engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the actual status specially in the private engineering colleges; and

(c) the steps taken by the AICTE in this regard to get qualified teachers (Professors/Asstt. Professors/Lecturers) to produce quality engineering manpower?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to AICTE, there is shortage of faculty in certain disciplines of engineering and technology in the engineering colleges.

(c) Various steps such as Early Faculty Induction Programme,